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CORVALLIS PEOPLE ACCEPT CHARTER AND GRADUATE FROM VILLAGE CLASS

NEW DOCUMENT GOES THROUGH WITH A WHOOP AND FRIENDS OF A CITY BEAUTIFUL ARE HIGHLY PLEASED.

OUT OF TOTAL VOTE OF 352, ONLY 106 ARE AGAINST CHARTER

What Prominent Citizens Think the Council Should Do Now That It is Given Authority—First Thought of Any and All is "Pave the Streets and Give Us Good Sidewalks."—Most Express Hope That Some Paving can be Done This Summer.

The new charter carried by more than a two to one vote—246 for, 106 against. This is generally satisfactory, but had the election occurred in the spring or fall, when people are not away from the city, the majority for the charter would have been much greater. The class of people that moves, goes on vacations and sees other parts of the world, is the class that votes for such things as progressive charters.

The total vote, 352, is greater than was anticipated at 3 o'clock. It was felt then that not more than 300 votes would be cast, but the later hours brought in a goodly number. Considering the number of voters out of the city, and the fact that a great number are particularly busy at this season, the total vote is quite large, and may be considered fairly representative. The friends of the new charter are immensely pleased at the outcome and those who voted against it are not making any howl, so there is reason for congratulation.

Some Expressions

The Gazette-Times interviewed various citizens this morning in regard to what action they would like to have the council take first, now that the new charter has passed, giving that body authority along various lines where it was helpless heretofore. The answers were varied, and as follows:

MAYOR WATTERS—While the new charter gives the council considerable power, I feel sure that this power will not be abused. Personally, I do not believe in forcing improvements to the detriment of anyone. We need paved streets and good walks, but I would not be in favor of forcing the issue any place except on Main, or Second street, and no coercion will have to be used to secure this absolutely essential improvement. I believe the sentiment of property holders on this street is strongly in favor of paving. The street should be paved from the Occidental mill to the Mary's river flat. The council will not crowd any property owner, but rather allow long-time payments where any improvement is a burden. Main street should be paved immediately that the people may see the benefit of such paving. More people travel Main and this should be paved first. The officials have no excuse now for not giving Corvallis some of the needed improvements. These should be instituted with care and deliberation, but must come.

S. L. KLINE—I hope to see things work more smoothly than heretofore, the council now being able to enforce its desires. I believe that the first move should be the fixing up of our main street.

B. W. JOHNSON—To pave three or four blocks on Second street should be the first move.

C. A. DOBELL—Make a better looking Main street, and if possible pave a street to the Union Station. We are no longer a village and should take on city airs as rapidly as we can without seriously inconveniencing the public. The city should be cleaned up and fire limits extended.

E. E. WILSON—I would like to see the Avery, Wells, N. B. and P. Avery, Job's and Wilkins' additions supplied with sewers. I believe this to be the first advisable move.

F. L. MILLER—Pave ten blocks on Main street. If they won't do this, I'm in favor of paving Fifth street. With Main street paved for use this winter the people will be crazy for paving next year.

GEORGE E. LILLY—I hadn't thought much about it. We need many things, but street improvement should come first, I guess.

M. S. WOODCOCK—The council should be conservative and careful, and build new without tearing down old, where possible. It looks to me like paved streets would be a nice thing. However, I believe the people should be encouraged to build good sidewalks first. Let them curb when they will, or leave it until the streets are paved. I believe we need good sidewalks more than anything.

J. W. INGLE—I say pave Second street, and a street to the station as a starter. I own property on Second and am ready to stand the expense. I would like to see this work done this summer.

P. AVERY—Fix up the streets. Pave, and then gravel the streets that are not to be paved. The farmers of the country laughed at us last winter, declaring the roads good until they got within the city limits. Street improvement is the necessary move.

That Big Organ

The giant organ, whose deep notes were heard by hundreds of thousands at the Louisiana Purchase exposition in 1904, has been sold to John Wanamaker of Philadelphia. Loaded on 10 cars it has left St. Louis. Since the World's Fair the organ, which is valued at \$110,000, has been in storage. It was the property of a big organ company. Its size made it unfit for use in a church or any other convention hall. It is intended to give daily concerts in the Wanamaker store in Philadelphia.

FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY

Kesterson Girl, Who Died a Week Ago, to be Laid to Rest.

The remains of Blanche Kesterson, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Kesterson, who died from asthmatic croup on Monday of last week, will be buried tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Funeral services will be held at the Bovee undertaking parlors, H. H. Hubbell officiating, the burial to be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to be present at the service.

This funeral was delayed so long for the reason that the father was away when the little girl died and it was impossible to locate him. He had gone to Washington in search of work and had not left a definite address. The child, who was not ill at the time of his departure, died suddenly, and the remains have been kept until he could be reached. Mr. Kesterson was finally located in Garfield county, twenty miles from a railroad, hence the lapse of time. He arrived in Corvallis last night.

This has been a trying ordeal on the mother, and a terrible home-coming to the father, both of whom have the sincerest sympathy of the community.

Skins Harriman

The Prineville Review continues to have some hot remarks to make about the railroad situation over there, of a good deal of interest to valley people, most of whom favor the extension of the Corvallis and Eastern. Here are some: "For years and years Harriman has neglected this territory, openly sneered at its trade, milked it regularly with becoming dignity, soft-soaped with repeated insincere promises of a railroad, and otherwise encouraged immigration and settlement with advertising and assurances the letter of which he has not intended nor does not now intend to keep. He has never built a branch or spur line in the state of Oregon, but always quietly absorbed those which had been built by other well meaning but evidently 'green' hands at the railroad game. Now his saw has struck a nail. The invader, whoever he may be, means business, and Harriman doesn't. The people up here do not censure Mr. Harriman for not building the Deschutes road. But the people do blame him for repeatedly promising to build and just as repeatedly forgetting the promise; they blame him for not extending either the Columbia, Southern or Corvallis & Eastern the termini of which are practically at our threshold now; they blame him for his policy of interference."

The Weather

The mean temperature for the past month has not been up to the average and only once since the weather bureau was established in 1871 has the mean temperature been lower. That was in 1901, when it was 63 degrees, while for this year the mean temperature was 74 degrees. The highest point point reached by the thermometer was 88 degrees, on the 21st, and the lowest was 47 degrees, on the 13th.

The total precipitation for last month was 2.26 inches and the greatest fall in 24 hours was 1.06 inches on the 5th and 6th, this being the greatest precipitation for this month since records were first taken at the Portland station. The total rainfall from September 1, 1908, to date is 36.08 inches. The deficiency from September 1 to date as compared with average of corresponding period is 8.10 inches.

A Benton County Sale

G. T. Hockensmith, of the S. E. Young & Son's store, has sold his orch-

ard and garden tract in North Albany, consisting of eighteen acres to F. A. Stacey, recently of Crabtree, for \$3500. While Mr. Hockensmith has made over \$1200 on his deal he nevertheless sold the property cheap enough considering the present prices. Mr. Stacey will move on the place and make a business of its products, including gardening. It is one of the finest places around Albany. —Albany Democrat.

Monroe

Virgil Rexford while playing Saturday, fell from a cherry tree and broke his arm. It is mending nicely.

Mrs. Mary Cartwright has returned after a short visit at Eugene.

The combined harvester is doing nicely. The Zierolf and Taylor thrashing machine started up Monday.

Misses Ida and Florence Zierolf returned Friday from a visit with relatives in Portland.

Fine Tract For Sub-division

The best tract of land in or around Corvallis to be sub-divided into small tracts.

A chance to make a big thing within the next six months. See A. L. STEVENSON, Real Estate Man. 8-3-11.

Lost.

LOST—Tuesday, between depot and Masonic Temple, light-colored duster with pair gloves in pocket. Return to M. S. Bovee. 8-4-11

Washington's Plague Spots

Lie in the low, marshy bottoms of the Potomac, the breeding grounds of malarial germs. These germs cause chills, fever and ague, biliousness, jaundice, lassitude, weakness and general debility and bring suffering or death to thousands yearly. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malaria troubles. "They are the best all-around tonic and cure for malaria I ever used," writes R. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. They cure Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Blood Troubles and will prevent Typhoid. Try them, 50c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

HARROWING DETAILS OF A TERRIBLE HAPPENING IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTS HIMSELF WHILE WITH A PARTY OF FRIENDS IN GREAT UNDERGROUND CAVERN.

THE COWARDLY FRIENDS LEAVE WIFE WITH DYING HUSBAND

One of the Most Terrible Cases of Desertion Ever Recorded—When Pistol Went Off, Someone Cried Murder and all but Wife Ran From Cave—She Staid With Husband for Hours, Until He Died, and Then Crawled Out to Find Help—Frightened Parties Refused to Render Aid.

GRANTS PASS, Or., August 2.—(Special to Oregonian.)—Deserted by their companions when the tragic climax of their merry-making in the Josephine county caves came in the accidental shooting of Frank Ellis yesterday, he and his wife were left alone in the stygian blackness, he to die and she, grief-whelmed, to ease his agony as best she might.

All the lights but one carried by the party were taken by the cravens who ran away. The remaining torch soon went out.

Death Fought for Hours.

For hours Mrs. Ellis sat in the darkness, trying to stanch the flow of blood from her husband's wound, but feeling it pouring steadily away over her own hands and body; calling to him to speak to her but receiving no reply, and hearing no sound save his everlessening breathing.

Finally Mr. Ellis died, and Mrs. Ellis, groping on all fours until she found the lead string which the party had brought in, following it with great difficulty and finally crawled her way to the cavern's mouth.

Today, as the result of her awful experiences, Mrs. Ellis is completely prostrated and her condition is critical.

Mr. Ellis and Arthur Vineyard, with their wives, two other women and several children, were seeking passage through the caves and had succeeded in reaching the third chamber on the upper floor. Ellis being in advance of the party, and holding a pistol in his hand, attempted to climb to an upper cavity, but owing to the slippery walls he lost his footing and fell several feet, striking the revolver against the wall. The weapon was discharged, the ball entering his left eye and ranging upward through the brain, which resulted in death after four hours.

Desert at Cry of "Murder."

At the discharge of the weapon some-one cried "murder," which precipitated a rush for the mouth of the cave. All fled except Mrs. Ellis, who, rushing to where her wounded husband lay, took his limp form upon her lap and tried to nurse him back to consciousness.

In the terrible darkness of

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